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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this patent application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under a judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Lee, U.S. Patent 6,247,829, in view of Henning et al., U.S. Patent 4,598,229, and further in view of Hilderman, U.S. Patent 5,030,100. As the Lee patent and the subject U.S. Patent Application are commonly owned by LumiSource, Inc., an executed Terminal Disclaimer enclosed herewith overcomes the double-patenting rejection, without admission as to the merits of such rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 12 and 14-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Henning et al., U.S. Patent 4,598,229, in view of Hilderman, U.S. Patent 5,030,100. Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Henning et al., U.S. Patent 4,598,229, in view of Hilderman, U.S. Patent 5,030,100, and further in view of Rao, U.S. Patent 6,554,453. Applicants have cancelled Claims 12-18.

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Conclusion

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed in this response, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone at 847.490.1400.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully requests early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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